## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1    1.    A method of establishing an interface between a service and an application
2    comprising:
3         receiving a file by the application from a user system, wherein the file contains
4              standardized interface data;
5         providing the file to the service;
6         generating a return file by the service, wherein the return file contains standardized
7              interface data;
8         providing the return file to the application; and
9         providing the return file to the user system.

1    2.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application
2    of claim 1 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.

1    3.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application
2    of claim 1 further comprising:
3         generating a dynamic user interface specification by the service;
4         providing the dynamic user interface specification to application;
5         generating a user interface response by the application; and
6         providing the user interface response to the service.

1    4.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application
2    of claim 3 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.

1    5.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application
2    of claim 3 wherein the user system determines content of the user interface response.

1    6.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application
2    of claim 5 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.

1    7.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and application of
2    claim 3 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a
3    markup language.

1    8.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and application of

2  claim 4 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a

3  markup language.

1    9.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and application of

2  claim 5 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a

3  markup language.

1    10.    The method of establishing an interface between a service and application of

2  claim 6 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a

3  markup language.

1    11.    A system for establishing an interface comprising of:

2  a user system;

3  an application that receives a file the user system, wherein the file contains

4        standardized interface data; and

5  a service that receives the file and generates a return file containing standardized

6        interface data, sending the return file to the application and the user system.

1    12.    The system for establishing an interface of claim 11 wherein the return file is

2  presented as a browser interface.

1    13.    The system for establishing an interface of claim 11 further comprised of:

2  a dynamic user interface specification generated by the service, wherein the dynamic

3        user interface specification is provided to the application; and

4  a user interface response generated by the application; wherein the user interface

5        response is provided to the service.

1    14.    The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 13 wherein the

2  return file is presented as a browser interface.

1    15.    The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 13 wherein the user

2  system determines content of the user interface response.

1       16.    The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 15 wherein the

2  return file is presented as a browser interface.

1       17.    The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 13 wherein the user

2  interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

1       18.    The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 14 wherein the user

2  interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

1       19.    The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 15 wherein the user

2  interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

1       20.    The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 16 wherein the user

2  interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

1       21.    A computer system comprising:

2  a processor;

3  a computer;

4  computer readable medium coupled to the processor; and

5  computer code encoded in the computer readable medium, configured to cause the processor

6       to:

7       receive a file by the application from a user system, wherein the file contains

8             standardized interface data;

9       provide the file to the service;

10      generate a return file by the service, wherein the return file contains standardized

11             interface data;

12      provide the return file to the application; and

13      provide the return file to the user system.

1       22.    The computer system of claim 21 wherein the return file is presented as a

2  browser interface.

1     23.    The computer system of claim 21 wherein the processor further:

2     generates a dynamic user interface specification by the service;

3     provides the dynamic user interface specification to application;

4     generates a user interface response by the application; and

5     provides the user interface response to the service.

1     24.    The computer system of claim 20 wherein the configuration file is written in

2  an extensible markup language.

1     25.    The computer system of claim 23 wherein the user system determines content

2  of the user interface response.

1     26.    The computer system of 25 wherein the return file is presented as a browser

2  interface.

1     27.    The computer system of claim 23 wherein the user interface specification and

2  user interface response are written in a markup language.

1     28.    The computer system of claim 24 wherein the user interface specification and

2  user interface response are written in a markup language.

1     29.    The computer system of claim 25 wherein the user interface specification and

2  user interface response are written in a markup language.

1     30.    The computer system of claim 26 wherein the user interface

2  specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

1     31.    An apparatus for establishing an interface comprising:

2     means for receiving a file by the application from a user system, wherein the

3         file contains standardized interface data;

4     means for providing the file to the service;

5     means for generating a return file by the service, wherein the return file

6         contains standardized interface data;

7          means for providing the return file to the application; and

8          means for providing the return file to the user system.

1        32.     The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the return file is presented as a browser

2  interface.

1        33.     The apparatus of claim 31 further comprising:

2          means for generating a dynamic user interface specification by the service;

3          means for providing the dynamic user interface specification to application;

4          means for generating a user interface response by the application; and

5          means for providing the user interface response to the service.

1        34.     The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the return file is presented as a browser

2  interface.

1        35.     The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the user system determines content of the

2  user interface response.

1        36.     The apparatus of claim 35 wherein the return file is presented as a browser

2  interface.

1        37.     The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the user interface specification and user

2  interface response are written in a markup language.

1        38.     The apparatus of claim 34 wherein the user interface specification and user

2  interface response are written in a markup language.

1        39.     The apparatus of claim 35 wherein the user interface specification and user

2  interface response are written in a markup language.

1        40.     The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the user interface specification and user

2  interface response are written in a markup language.

1    41.    A computer program product encoded in computer readable media, the

2    computer program product comprising:

3        a first set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to receive a

4            file by the application from a user system, wherein the file contains

5            standardized interface data;

6        a second set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to provide

7            the file to the service;

8        a third set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to generate a

9            return file by the service, wherein the return file contains standardized

10           interface data;

11        a fourth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to provide

12            the return file to the application; and

13        a fifth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to provide the

14            return file to the user system.

1    42.    The computer program product of claim 41 wherein the return file is presented

2    as a browser interface.

1    43.    The computer program product of claim 41 further comprising:

2    a fifth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to generate a

3            dynamic user interface specification by the service;

4    a sixth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configure to provide the

5            dynamic user interface specification to application;

6    a seventh set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configure to generate a

7            user interface response by the application; and

8    an eighth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configure to provide

9            the user interface response to the service.

1    44.    The computer program product of claim 40 wherein the configuration file is

2    written in an extensible markup language.

1    45.    The computer program product of claim 43 wherein the user system

2    determines content of the user interface response.

1     46.     The computer program product of claim 45 wherein the return file is presented

2    as a browser interface.

1     47.     The computer program product of claim 43 wherein the user interface

2    specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

1     48.     The computer program product of claim 44 wherein the user interface

2    specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

1     49.     The computer program product of claim 45 wherein the user interface

2    specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

1     50.     The computer program product of claim 46 wherein the user interface

2    specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.